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Suspected Drug Pushers Booked

Raiders Grab Huge Quantity Of Narcotics

Torrance vice squad officers and sheriff's deputies staged a surprise, pre-dawn raid Saturday morning, arrested three suspected narcotics pushers and captured a huge supply of marijuana, benzedrine and other drugs.

Booked at Torrance city jail were Willard Desmond 30, a heavy equipment operator, and his wife Valerie Arlene, 21, both of 18316 Glenburn St., Torrance.

Also arrested was the teen-aged sister of Mrs. Williams. Officers said that they found a huge patch of marijuana growing in a tidy little garden in the couple's backyard. Found in the house were 20 packages of home-rolled marijuana cigarettes, a one-ounce vial of marijuana seeds hidden in a kitchen cupboard, and quantities of benzedrine, sodium seconal and amphetamine sulfate.

Newly formed city vice squad, in existence only two weeks, had been operating a stakeout at the couple's home for some time. Raid was staged after they observed great numbers of transients including more than 20 known narcotics users, coming and going at all hours of the day and night. Two youngsters of the arrested couple, age 1½ and 2½, were turned over to relatives for care. Williams, in a statement to police, said that they thought the marijuana in the backyard was an "ornamental plant." "We watered it when we watered the grass," he said.



TORRANCE GIRL WINS—Rita Sealise, 16-year-old Torrance girl, was crowned "Miss Carson" Wednesday evening. Banning High junior will represent that community in annual Miss Southern California competition in Oceanside later this month. Runners up were Carol Hattie, 17, and Danielle Johnson, 17, both of Carson. Judging was held in Scott Park auditorium. Contest was sponsored by that community's Chamber of Commerce.



Torrance Teachers Donate Funds to Area Charities

A total of \$9735 collected by Torrance teachers will be distributed to 40 charities, according to Ernest W. Thom, chairman.

Funds were collected through the Torrance Education Assn. as part of the group's annual charity drive.

Largest single beneficiary was the Torrance scholarship fund, which was allotted \$1800 to provide a \$500 scholarship to one graduating senior from each of the city's three high schools. The scholarship is given to a student who plans to enter teaching.

American Field Service will receive \$650, while the Torrance Community Chest will get \$1,381; the Torrance YMCA, \$1,201; and the Torrance Dental Health Assn., \$1,144.

National charities to benefit as follows:

Cancer Society, \$948; Heart Fund, \$633; Mental Health, \$478; Arthritis and Rheumatism, \$284; Multiple Sclerosis, \$232; Muscular Dystrophy, \$213; Cerebral Palsy \$200; and Red Cross, \$163.

Remainder of the money was designated by teachers to go in small amounts to various other special charities.

Thom pointed out that 80 per cent of the funds collected will go to local charities.

WW II Sweetheart Visiting Here Today

An ancient and nostalgic memory will grip many former servicemen when they visit the Torrance Municipal Airport this weekend.

This memory of an old love occupies a special niche in the minds and affections of thousands of flying men of World War II.

No wife need be jealous, however, for this beautiful old lady is making one of her last personal appearances before the admiring eyes of men.

She is a battered old B-17 which will be flown here as a special attraction of the 4th annual Airport Days.

Thousands of men shared the dangers of battle with this grand lady and tens of thousands more lay on the ground and looked up at her, hovering like a protective hen, smoothing the dangers that lay before them.

Men fought in her, cursed at her and died in her. Her survivors sing songs of her durability and her unwillingness to quit.

And they swear at her crankiness, her peculiar stuttering engines and her "gliding radius like a dropped rock."

Battered beyond belief, staggering and shuddering, she made it there . . . and back.

That was the important thing. She was a lady . . . and she brought them home!

The crowds that will gather around her this weekend will attest the love her survivors still hold for her.

PRE-DAWN RAID—Torrance vice detail officers L. P. Gonzales and D. C. Cook yesterday morning led a pre-dawn raid that netted two suspected narcotics pushers, and huge quantities of marijuana and other drugs. In top photo, the two officers inspect a part of the illegal catch, and below, lead the two

suspects, William Desmond Williams, 30, and wife Valerie Arlene Williams, 21, off to jail. Also booked as a suspected narcotics user was the 17-year-old sister of Mrs. Williams. Two sons of the couple, aged 1½ and 2½, were turned over to relatives.

MAYORS HEAD GUEST ROSTER . . .

'Belated' Groundbreaking Ceremony for Torrance's New Automobile Club Offices

Torrance Acting Mayor Nickolas Drale and Redondo Beach Mayor William Czuleger pined with Automobile Club of Southern California officials Thursday morning to participate in a belated groundbreaking ceremony for the Club's new Torrance office.

Although construction of the new facility is well under way, the two civic leaders assisted in the turning of the traditional spade-full of earth to provide a formal start of building activities.

Participating in the ceremony, in addition to Czuleger and Drale, were Lyle Fladland, Auto Club district manager; Roland Riley, zone manager; William H. Newbro, Public Relations manager; and Walter G. Benedict, partner in the Hunter and Benedict architectural firm.

Located on Sepulveda Blvd. at Eriel Ave., the one story brick building will contain 7000 square feet of office space. Extensive win-

dow area of the northern exposure has been planned to provide good natural lighting with a minimum of heat from the sun.

BETTER SERVICE
"This new facility will enable us to provide better service for the 15,000 members served by this office," said Fladland, "and give increased storage space for our stock of travel materials."

One new membership service to be made available to South Bay area residents is the World Travel department, with complete travel agency facilities for domestic and foreign travel arrangements.

Part of a general program of construction recently undertaken by the Auto Club in major growth areas, the South Bay office will also include a general services area, small offices for conferences with Club attorneys and claims adjustors, cashiers' cage, clerical area, general sales area, employees' room, management area

and central control switch-board.

Construction has been planned to allow for future expansion to the west. Adequate space for member and employee parking will be provided and abundant landscaping will surround the building.

Approximately 45 persons will be employed in the office when it opens next October.

BM High School To Graduate 180

First annual commencement for Bishop Montgomery High School will be held at St. James Church in Redondo Beach, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13.

His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre will preside at the ceremonies.

Approximately 180 students will be graduated from the high school. They will be presented by the Reverend Michael J. McNulty, principal.

Commission Vote To Deny Change On Marble Estate

Torrance planning commission Wednesday evening voted 6-1 to deny zone changes in the controversial Marble Estates case.

Recommendation of the commission will go to the city council for final action.

Builder Don Wilson had made the request to change zoning on the corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw from M-2 (manufacturing) to R-1 (single family residences). Wilson stated that if the zoning were changed he would build some 600 homes in the area.

Controversy developed when commission spokesmen indicated they would vote to retain industrially zoned land for further factory development, and when builders queried ". . . but where are the factories?"

Vacant land was the subject of a recent "Taxes and Tumbleweeds" editorial series in the Torrance Press.



UNUSUAL LODGER—This full grown badger has taken up lodging in the Torrance Humane Society shelter, it was reported this week by society officials. Animal was hit by car and was caged after it was revived. Because of animal's friendliness, and because badgers just aren't found wild in Southern California, it is assumed that it is an escaped pet. Animal will probably be given to a zoo if not claimed.